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## ***Community E-lert®***

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### **\*\*\*SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN\*\*\* CONVICTED FELON FOUND CONTACTING JUVENILES AT LOCAL SCHOOL**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Medina Police Department received an email from a concerned parent regarding a suspicious man that has contacted children twice in the area of Chinook Middle School/Clyde Hill Elementary.

The first encounter with the subject took place during the evening of Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> and the second during the evening of Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>. On both occasions, the adult male subject attempted to talk with male juveniles who were not in the company of their parents. In the first instance, he asked the boys to, "Come over here. I want to see that cool airplane". Following both encounters, the boys did the right thing by immediately notifying their parents. During the first incident, the father of one of the juveniles approached the suspicious man and spoke with him. The subject acted oddly, as if he were intoxicated. The parents notified the Clyde Hill Police Department of what had occurred, however the subject could not be located. During the second incident, a father witnessed the subject speaking to a group of juveniles, and was informed this was the same subject from the first incident. When the father approached the man to speak with him, the subject sped away in his truck.

A Medina resident received information regarding these suspicious events from a Clyde Hill resident, and notified the Medina Police Department. Upon receiving this information from the concerned parent, the Medina Police Department notified all department members of these incidents. A Medina Officer recalled that he had arrested an individual who matched the description of this suspicious man on the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Medina Officer had contacted a

subject in the 3100 block of Hunts Point Circle and the individual had been arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. In addition, the arrestee's vehicle matched the description of the truck seen speeding from the scene, and the clothing worn by the arrestee matched the description of the clothing worn by the suspicious person.

In light of this development, the Medina Police Department made efforts to confirm whether this arrested subject was indeed the man who contacted these juveniles on two separate occasions. A Medina Officer contacted the original reporting parties and they were able to positively identify the man arrested for DUI as the suspicious subject.

### **Suspect Description:**

- White male, 54 years old
- 5'11 tall, 220 lbs
- Balding
- Wearing khaki shorts and a gray shirt during one incident
- Resides on NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Bellevue
- History of alcohol abuse
- May have ties to this local area

### **Associated Vehicle:**

- Black 1992 Toyota pickup truck, 2WD, extended cab  
(similar to the vehicle shown below)



Although the Medina Police Department has identified this subject, he is not currently in police custody because no crime was actually committed during these encounters. However, the actions and criminal history of this subject are *extremely* concerning. Investigation by the Medina Police Department has revealed the subject is a convicted felon with history of Assault, Malicious Harassment, and Harassment in addition to a myriad of misdemeanor crimes.

The Medina Police Department is proactively responding by notifying community members and school officials of these incidents, and is sharing information with surrounding law enforcement agencies. The dissemination of this information is not intended to create unwarranted fear, however the Medina Police Department believes this individual is a high safety risk. We are asking all citizens to remain observant with their children, particularly in public locations.

## **Crime Prevention Tips:**

If you come in contact with a suspicious individual, call 911 immediately. Do not place yourself at risk by contacting the subject.

Inform your children they should never speak to a stranger who approaches them in the above manner. If they are in that situation, they should immediately run and tell an adult in charge. If you are ever that entrusted adult, call 911 immediately and report the circumstances.

If you would like to speak to the Medina Police Department about this information, please call us at 425-233-6420 or email [jchen@medina-wa.gov](mailto:jchen@medina-wa.gov).